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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1736

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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: DUTCH AMBASSADOR

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1716

1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR VAN DEN BERG TELEPHONED AFTER HIS MEETING WITH FONMIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYAKYI TO REPORT ON HIS REPRESENTATION (REFTEL). HE URGED TANGOV ISSUE STATEMENT ON RADIO OF ITS CONTINUING CONCERN FOR AND EFFORTS TO SECURE RELEASE OF STUDENTS. NYAKYI'S RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITTAL. BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR EUROPE-AMERICAS DIVISION WHO ALSO PRESENT, SAID AMBASSADOR CARTER'S REMARKS AT PRESS CONFERENCE CONCERNING HIS HOPE THAT EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO SECURE RELEASE OF STUDENTS WERE CARRIED ON SWAHILI NEWS BROADCAST LATER IN EVENING YESTERDAY (DAR ES SALAAM 1710). MUGANDA SPECULATED HAD ACCOMPLISHED SAME PURPOSE.

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2. VAN DEN BERG TOLD NYAKYI OF HIS IDEA OF TANGOV RELEASING

PRP DETAINEE TO RETURN TO PRP CAMP IN ZAIRE IN ORDER TO OPEN COMMUNICATIONS WITH KIDNAPPERS. NYAKYI LISTENED POLITELY, BUT MADE NO RPT NO COMMENT ON PROPOSAL.

3. IN RESPONSE VAN DEN BERG QUERY, NYAKYI EXPLAINED TANGOV POLICY ON REFUGEES. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION NYAKYI SAID IF ZAIRE WOULD RELEASE SEVERAL PRP DETAINEED, TANZANIA WOULD SIMILARLY RELEASE THOSE IT IS HOLDING.

4. VAN DEN BERG WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING CLEARER STATEMENT FROM TANGOV ON TIMING OF ARREST SEQUENCE OF PRP DETAINEES OR MORE COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION OF RATIONALE FOR RE-ARREST OF PRP MEN.

5. RADIO TANZANIA AT 1:00 P.M. (LOCAL) NEWSCAST REPORTED VAN DEN BERG WORKING CLOSELY WITH TANGOV AND AMERICAN EMBASSY TO SECURE RELEASE OF KIDNAPPED STUDENTS. STATED HE (VAN DEN BERG) HOPED TANGOV WILL DO SOMETHING IN THIS MATTER. NEWSCASTER ADDED THAT TANGOV REJECTED KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS. CARTER

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